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Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) scheduled to take place between 20-25 June 2022, in Kigali, Rwanda, under the theme of "Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming" and to take this opportunity to share the views and considerations of the Turkish Cypriot Side regarding the Cyprus question.

I wish to emphasise first and foremost that despite having equal inherent rights as Greek Cypriots, and as being the equal co-owners of the Island of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot People is still being denied its rightful participation and representation in the international fora. The Greek Cypriot Side, on the other hand, continues to usurp the so-called "Government" status of the co-owned "Republic of Cyprus," which has turned into a Greek Cypriot administration since 1963, and taking advantage of this illegitimate status, to act as the "master of the land", including at CHOGM, to spread its fallacious propaganda regarding the Cyprus issue in order to hide its intransigent stance.

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to take this opportunity to clearly underline the fact that the Greek Cypriot administration does not and cannot represent the Turkish Cypriot People. Let me make it clear that I am mandated by my People, whom I represent as the fifth President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, to resolve the 59-year-old Cyprus issue, once and for all. This ultimate goal can only be achieved through a constructive and win-win outlook that would pave the way for starting result-oriented formal negotiations, to be based on the inherent equality of the two sides, which would culminate in a fair, just and sustainable settlement in Cyprus.

Experience has proven us in well over half a century of negotiations that insisting on the same failed basis to solve the Cyprus issue will only serve the perpetuation of the problem and thereby the continuation of the unacceptable and unsustainable status quo. This is why the Turkish Cypriot Side has withdrawn its consent for bi-zonal, bi-communal federation as the basis for the solution of the Cyprus problem. This failed basis, which has been exhausted, is no longer on the table.

Hon. Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Apia.

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The UN Secretary-General had underlined in Geneva on 29th April 2021 following the informal 5+UN meeting on Cyprus that no common ground exists to allow for the start of formal negotiations in relation to the settlement of the Cyprus problem. In this regard, we support the UN Secretary-General's proposal to appoint a Personal Envoy to explore whether there exists a common ground in order to start a formal negotiating process.

Our outlook envisages the establishment of a structured cooperative relationship between the two existing States on the island, on the basis of their inherent sovereign equality and equal international status. The rationale behind this Turkish Cypriot proposal is embedded in the factual realities on the island, the reality being that the two sides are recognized inherent equals and that today there exists two States in Cyprus, each governing itself in its respective territory.

Dear Prime Minister,

I wish to draw your attention to the gravest human rights violation on the Island, namely the unlawful and inhuman isolation imposed on the Turkish Cypriot People at the instigation of the Greek Cypriot administration and the socioeconomic disparity it created. UN Secretaries-General since Kofi Annan have been calling for the elimination of such unwarranted and unnecessary restrictions and barriers that have the effect of isolating the Turkish Cypriot People and impeding their development.

The isolation/restrictions imposed on the Turkish Cypriot People ranges from denying their right of representation in the international arena, including in cultural, academic and sports events; to preventing/restricting their travel abroad and their communication with the outside world; and to curtailing trade relations with other countries. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that the unjust isolation imposed on the Turkish Cypriot People is also the most important element poisoning the relations between the two Sides and their Peoples, thus undermining the prospect of a common ground towards a freely negotiated and mutually acceptable settlement on the Island.

I hope and trust that in the interest of an objective and factual account of the issues on the island, the views and observations expressed above will be duly taken into consideration by the Commonwealth of Nations and its esteemed members at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) that will take place between 20-25 June 2022, in Kigali, Rwanda.

Please accept, Dear Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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